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TAGS: CASC(GROVE, THOMAS ARTHUR)

SUBJECT: W/W THOMAS ARTHUR GROVE

REF: KATHMANDU 1851

1. REV. GROVE INFORMED REFTEL CONTENTS. HE IS PLEASED
SAFE RETURN SCHEINMAN, HICKS, AND GUARDALABENE AND
REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO THEM:

2. "GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS. BASED ON PREVIOUS
COMMUNICATION, POLICY WITH CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
(CNA), CHICAGO, HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OUT ON DAVID
SCHEINMAN, JAMES HICKS, AND JOHN GUARDALABENE FOR 30 DAYS,
FROM 21 APRIL TO 9:00 AM 20 MAY. COVERAGE FOR ACCIDENT-
AL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT \$25,000; FOR ACCIDENT-INCUR-
RED MEDICAL EXPENSES UP TO \$2,500 WITH ADDITIONAL \$30
A DAY UP TO 30 DAYS OF HOSPITALIZATION. UNDERSTAND
DAVE AND JIM WISH TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION AND WE ARE
GRATEFUL AND WISH THEM TO PROCEED. DOES THIS MEANANOTHER
EXPEDITION OR LOCAL QUESTIONING IN KATHMANDU AREA? NOT
CLEAR FROM CABLE. WILL ADDITIONAL FUNDS BE REQUIRED?
PLEASE INCLUDE PROPOSALS IN REPORT FROM JIM. SIGNED REV.
GROVE.#

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3. REV. GROVE STATES THE NEW CAMERA MENTIONED REFTEL IS:

IKON MODEL IKKORMAT FT2, SERIAL 5076445; LENSE IKKOR 50
50 MM F:1.4, SERIAL 2831214. TOM ALSO PRESUMBALY
WEARING BULOVA WATCH, AEROJET MODEL.

4. REV. GROVE RAISES QUESTION OF WHERE TOM'S OTHER
PERSONAL BELONGINGS ARE BEING HELD, SUCH AS NON-TREK
CLOTHING, SONY CASSETTE RADIO TC 60; WERE THESE EVER
TURNED IN. ALSO HE ASKS WAS IT EVER FIRMLY ESTABLISH-
ED THAT TOM WAS TREKKING ALONE, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN
OUT OF CHARACTER.

5. IN GROVE CASE RESPONSES MAY BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT
WHICH WILL PASS BY TELEPHONE TO REV. GROVE.

6. REV. GROVE ALSO ASKS TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:
"WE EXTEND OUR PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST
WISHES TO AMBASSADOR MARQUITA MAYTAG ON HER APPOINTMENT.
DR. CARL TAYLOR OF JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL EXPLAINED TO
YOU THE SITUATION CONCERNING OUR SON THOMAS GROVE
MISSING SINCE JANUARY 1976; AND WE DO APPRECIATE
THE CONCERN THAT YOU HAVE INDICATED IN CONTINUING THE
INVESTIGATION PRESENTLY UNDERWAY. SINCERELY, ARTHUR
GROVE." SISCO

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